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SUBJECT: CCD: 631 ST PLENARY MEETING, APRIL 30, 1974

1. IN 631ST CCD PLENARY MEETING JAPANESE REP SUBMITTED
LONG-EXPECTED DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION
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OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, STOCKPILING AND

DESTRUCTION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS. NOTING THAT LACK OF PROGRESS IN CW AND CTB NEGOTIATIONS CAUSED PESSIMISM OVER DISARMAMENT PROGRESS AND UNDERMINED USEFULNESS OF CCD, JAPANESE AMBASSADOR NISIBORI EXPRESSED HOPE THAT HIS DELEGATION'S DRAFT WOULD "EXPEDITE" CW DISCUSSIONS AND CONSTITUTE "CONCEPTUAL BREAKTHROUGH" ON CW.

2. NISIBORI SAID JAPANESE INITIATIVE WAS BASED ON PRINCIPLE OF ACHIEVING COMPREHENSIVE CW BAN BY STAGES. DRAFT CONVENTION ITSELF PRESCRIBED A COMPREHENSIVE PROHIBITION AND SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS PROVIDED FOR PROVISIONAL EXCLUSIONS OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS FROM PROHIBITIONS BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES OF VERIFICATION. HE SAID JAPANESE HAD TRIED TO ADOPT IN THE DRAFT THE LANGUAGE AND STYLE OF BWC IN ORDER TO BALANCE AND MAINTAIN ITS RELEVANCE TO THAT CONVENTION. NISIBORI ALSO NOTED THAT DRAFT ADOPTS PURPOSE CRITERIA IN PROHIBITION OF ALL CW AGENTS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES. HE OBSERVED THAT STOCKPILING, WHICH HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM PROHIBITIONS IN 1973 JAPANESE WORKING PAPER, WAS NOW INCLUDED IN DRAFT CONVENTION'S PROHIBITIONS IN RESPECT OF "GENUINE DESIRE" IN COMMITTEE TO GET AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO COMPREHENSIVE CW TREATY. (COMMENT: HE DID NOT POINT OUT, AS JAPANESE HAD DONE DURING WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS, THAT EXISTING STOCKPILES WERE TO BE DESTROYED "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE" AND THAT PACE OF DESTRUCTION OF STOCKPILES THEREFORE AT OPTION OF PARTIES

3. IN DESCRIBING DRAFT CONVENTION, NISIBORI STATED JAPANESE EXPECTATION THAT SCOPE OF AGENTS EXCLUDED PROVISIONALLY FROM BAN WOULD BE GRADUALLY NARROWED THROUGH CONTINUED NEGOTIATIONS AND THROUGH OPERATION OF FREQUENT REVIEW OF CONFERENCES OF TREATY WHICH WOULD PUT "CONSTANT PRESSURE" ON STATES PARTIES TOWARD COMPREHENSIVE PROHIBITIONS. HE ADDED THAT JAPANESE BELIEVED BOTH SUPER-TOXIC NERVE AGENTS AND MUSTARD COMPOUNDS SHOULD BE BANNED FROM THE OUTSET. NISIBORI EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CCD COULD SOON ARRIVE AT CONSENSUS ON LIST OF AGENTS TO BE BANNED INITIALLY AND SUGGESTED THAT EXPERTS MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE.

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HE SAID SUCH MEETING MIGHT ALSO CONSIDER 1973 CANADIAN WORKING PAPER (CCD/414) ON QUESTION OF DEFINING AGENTS TO BE PROHIBITED.

4. IN REGARDS TO VERIFICATION, NISIBORI SAID HIS DELEGATION'S VIEW HAD MUCH IN COMMON WITH VIEW OF SOVIETS AND ALLIES THAT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD ULTIMATELY ASSUME PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR FULFILLMENT OF TREATY

OBLIGATIONS. HOWEVER, HE WENT ON TO CITE US REMARKS IN 1973 SESSION EXPRESSING DOUBT THAT NATIONAL ORGANS COULD PROVIDE OTHER COUNTRIES WITH REASSURANCE THAT OBLIGATIONS BEING COMPLIED WITH FULLY. HE SAID THIS PROBLEM ONE REASON FOR PRECEEDING IN STAGES AND STRESSED THAT NATIONAL REPORTS MUST PROVIDE ADEQUATE ASSURANCE TO OTHER STATES PARTIES THAT GOVERNMENTS FULFILLING OBLIGATIONS OF CONVENTION. (HE SAID CONTENTS OF REPORTS MIGHT ALSO BE SUBJECT FOR EXPERTS MEETING.) NISIBORI ALSO NOTED THAT IT NOT OBLIGATORY FOR A STATE TO ACCEPT "INSPECTION" FROM INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION AGENCY (IVA) TO BE SET UP UNDER CONVENTION. (ON OTHER HAND, OBSERVATION OF STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION BY IVA IS OBLIGATORY). IT THEREFORE IMPORTANT FOR IT TO BE UNDERSTOOD THAT A STATE WHICH IS NOT SATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF VERIFICATION PROCEDURES, AND FEELS IT NECESSARY TO WITHDRAW FROM CONVENTION, SHOULD NOT BE CRITICIZED FOR ITS ACTION. NISIBORI SAID IT MAY THUS BE DESIRABLE IN COURSE OF CCD DISCUSSION TO ESTABLISH CONSENSUS THAT WITHDRAWAL IS LEGITIMATE IN CASE OF LACK OF SATISFACTION ON VERIFICATION. HOWEVER, NISIBORI ALSO SAID IT UNREALISTIC TO HOPE FOR TOTALLY EFFECTIVE VERIFICATION AND HE EXPRESSED HOPE FOR CCD DISCUSSION OF VERIFICATION SYSTEM.

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